

**MINUTES  
ADJOURNED REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE SAN MARINO CITY COUNCIL  
JANUARY 29, 2016 – 8:00 A.M**

**CALL TO ORDER** Mayor Allan Yung called the meeting to order at 8:04 a.m.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**           **PRESENT:** Councilman Huang, Councilman Talt, Councilman Ward, Vice Mayor Sun, and Mayor Yung

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments at this time.

**MOTION TO WAIVE FURTHER READINGS**

Vice Mayor Richard Sun moved to waive the reading of the entire text of ordinances and resolutions; seconded by Councilman Richard Ward. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Steve Talt, Councilman Richard Ward, Vice Mayor Richard Sun, and Mayor Allan Yung. NOES: None.

**APPOINTMENT**

**1.     APPOINTMENT TO THE GREATER LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
VECTOR CONTROL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Vice Mayor Richard Sun moved to appoint Mr. Scott Kwong to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District to fill the unexpired term ending January 1, 2018; seconded by Councilman Richard Ward. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Steve Talt, Councilman Richard Ward, Vice Mayor Richard Sun, and Mayor Allan Yung. NOES: None.

**STUDY SESSION**

**2.     MID YEAR BUDGET REVIEW AND FIVE YEAR PROJECTION**

Finance Director Lisa Bailey presented the staff report. She noted two corrections in her report. The first correction on page 5 of the Prop. C estimated revenues should be \$1,083,680. The second correction on page 1 of the Expenditure Summary for Police Personnel should be \$5,115,047.

The City Council had questions regarding the 3% projected increase in property tax revenues and requested using actual numbers and other State based economic indicators to calculate projections.

The City Council requested a report on the status of capital projects, and which projects have been completed to date.

The following person(s) spoke:

Hal Harrigian, San Marino  
Gene Ruckh, San Marino

Vice Mayor Richard Sun moved to receive and file the Mid-Year Review and Five Year Financial Projection; seconded by Councilman Steven Huang. Following a roll call, the motion carried 4-0-1 by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Richard Ward, Vice Mayor Richard Sun, and Mayor Allan Yung. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: Councilman Steve Talt.

**3. DISCUSSION REGARDING ASSEMBLY BILL 1164, DROUGHT TOLERANT LANDSCAPING, SYNTHETIC GRASS AND ARTIFICIAL TURF**

Planning and Building Director Aldo Cervantes presented the staff report.

The following person(s) spoke:

Gene Ruckh, San Marino

Councilman Steve Talt moved to direct staff to continue to evaluate requests to install synthetic grass and artificial turf materials on a case by case basis, while investigating the State's mandate and its environmental implications; seconded by Councilman Richard Ward. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Steve Talt, Councilman Richard Ward, Vice Mayor Richard Sun, and Mayor Allan Yung. NOES: None.

**4. DISCUSSION REGARDING NOTICE PROVISIONS AND STREETSCAPE**

Planning and Building Director Aldo Cervantes presented the staff report.

Councilman Steve Talt moved to direct staff to return with a code amendment establishing notice provisions for continued design review items, requiring that the streetscape include all properties in the legal neighborhood, and a requirement that the applicant sign a statement under penalty of perjury indicating that all steps have been taken to meet with residents in the legal neighborhood to discuss the proposed project; seconded by Councilman Richard Ward. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Steve Talt, Councilman Richard Ward, Vice Mayor Richard Sun, and Mayor Allan Yung. NOES: None.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Councilman Richard Ward moved to adopt the Consent Calendar consisting of Items 5 and 6; seconded by Vice Mayor Richard Sun. Following a roll call, the motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Steve Talt, Councilman Richard Ward, Vice Mayor Richard Sun, and Mayor Allan Yung. NOES: None.

**5. DECEMBER 2015 TREASURER'S REPORT**

Accept and file the Treasurer's Report for the period ending December 31, 2015.

**6. APPROPRIATION OF DONATED FUNDS**

Appropriate the San Marino Woman's Club's \$5,000.00 donation to the Library 281-91-4370-0000 account for the purchase of a large paper trimmer, \$1,178.05 to the Non-Capitalized Equipment line in the Parks Division (281-50-4399-0000) for the purchase of a bench and a plaque, and \$114,790 to 281-50-4600-6053 for Patrick's Tree.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**7. COUNCIL DIRECTION ON MANDATED RESPONSE TO LOS ANGELES GRAND JURY INTERIM REPORT ON "INADEQUATE EL NIÑO PLANNING FOR COUNTY HOMELESS POPULATION"**

City Manager John Schaefer presented the staff report.

Councilman Richard Ward moved to direct the City Manager to work with the City Attorney to prepare and send a letter in response to the Grand Jury's Interim Report on inadequate El Nino planning for the County's homeless population; seconded by Councilman Steven Huang. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Steve Talt, Councilman Richard Ward, Vice Mayor Richard Sun, and Mayor Allan Yung. NOES: None.

**CONTINUED BUSINESS**

**8. ORDINANCE O-15-1301 ADDING THE 4<sup>TH</sup> LEVEL SURVIVOR BENEFIT TO THE MISCELLANEOUS EMPLOYEES CONTRACT (SECOND READING)**

Finance Director Lisa Bailey presented the staff report.

Councilman Richard Ward moved to adopt Ordinance No. O-15-1301; seconded by Councilman Steve Talt. The motion carried unanimously by the following vote: AYES: Councilman Steven Huang, Councilman Steve Talt, Councilman Richard Ward, Vice Mayor Richard Sun, and Mayor Allan Yung. NOES: None.

**9. REVIEW OF MAKING SAN MARINO BETTER LIST**

It was the consensus of the Council to revisit the proposal to redesign the City's landscape medians in April.

Councilman Steve Talt left the meeting at 9:44 a.m., and returned at 9:45 a.m.

It was the consensus of the Council to add a public safety strategy as an item to the Making San Marino Better list, and request the Police Chief to develop a comprehensive plan to proactively reduce the crime rate and present to Council.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

The following person(s) spoke:

Gene Ruckh, San Marino, commented on pensions (*submitted documents*).

Mayor Allan Yung left the meeting at 10:20 a.m., and returned at 10:25 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

The City Council recessed to Closed Session at 10:27 a.m. to:

**10. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNCIL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION**

Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9-(1 case)

**RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**


Council reconvened to open session at 10:45 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

There was no reportable action.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The San Marino City Council adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

  
VERONICA RUIZ, CMC  
CITY CLERK